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To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
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 19) RE: Classic Tube Rcvrs.
    by Scott Robinson <spr@earthlink.net>
 20) Dayton on the beach
    by Michael N Hopkins <mnhopkins@juno.com>

From: <mrhistry@cox.net>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Howard Mills in Harpers Ferry
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Does anyone have Howard's phone number? I was supposed to send him a part and have
forgotten his number. Respond off net to k0rmk@arrl.com or mrhistry@cox.com.
TNX,
Roger

Message-Id: <200405160332.i4G3Wp2n029128@sco.theporch.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: ddillman@igc.org
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To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: "James C. Garland" <4cx250b@muohio.edu>
Subject: Dayton Hamvention Report
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One ham I know sold two Viking Valiants, but it seemed to me not many people were buying, especially the heavy iron. Frankly, Dayton isn't a good place to buy any more, because it has become so inconvenient for both buyers and sellers. Buyers are encouraged to park at a nearby shopping mall and take a shuttle bus to the arena, and sellers have to set up their tables before 8 a.m. and are prohibited from leaving until 6 p.m. The

fleamarket spaces are so small that a full-sized car, SUV, or van fully occupies the space, leaving no room to set up a table.

Some interesting new stuff in the exhibitor areas. The big news were the new $10K+ transceivers from Icom and Yaesu. The Icom IC-7800 was on full display, so guys could twiddle the knobs. The Yaesu FTDX-9000 was buttoned up inside a plexiglass cage, and while it was lighted up it's hard to know whether it was actually functional. One thing that impressed me about the Yaesu, especially, is how BIG it is. Finally -- finally! -- somebody is making a new radio with big, widely spaced knobs and large meters. Much as I hate to admit it, I felt a pang of desire. At least I did, until I realized I'd have to take out a second mortgage on the house to buy one. Still, the Japanese manufacturers never leave anything to chance, so it's clear their business models show a market for ultra-high-end gear. Heck, even Alpha (the amplifier maker) has a new $1100 wattmeter!

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73,
Jim Garland W8ZR

Message-ID: <40A77C6A.604@ix.netcom.com>
Date: Sun, 16 May 2004 09:36:26 -0500
From: David Stinson <arc5@ix.netcom.com>

MIME-Version: 1.0
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
CC: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re: Dayton Hamvention Report
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> impressed me about the Yaesu, especially, is how BIG it is. Finally --
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> and large meters....

Yes; it won't be long before all our ham rigs look like
the boom boxes you can buy at Wal-Mart. I wonder how long
it will be before some hams are bopping around the hamfests,
their Yae-Whoo on their sholders, a backwards baseball cap
and gold chains around their neck.
"Check out my new box, man...."

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Date: Sun, 16 May 2004 09:38:22 -0500
From: David Stinson <arc5@ix.netcom.com>
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To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
CC: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re: Dayton Hamvention Report
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As the ham population grows older, they are moving south.
Perhaps it's time some other outfit took up the mantle
of "THE Hamfest" in a more suitable location.

From: WA5CAB@cs.com
Message-ID: <1f0.20b6824d.2dd8f0d1@cs.com>
Date: Sun, 16 May 2004 12:29:05 EDT
Subject: ID CX-4763/U Cable
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
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Groups,

Can anyone ID a cable CX-4763/U? 65" long with Winchester MRE34H-5 both ends. Looks like it could be an extension cable for maintenance, maybe, as it has captive dummy plugs both ends.

73
Robert Downs - Houston
<http://www.wa5cab.com> (Web Store)
<wa5cab@cs.com> (Primary email)
<wa5cab@houston.rr.com> (Backup email)

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To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Drake R-4B Shipping Weight?
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii; format=flowed
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Anyone have a good guess for the shipping weight of a Drake R-4B?

From: "Grant Youngman" <nq5t@comcast.net>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Date: Sun, 16 May 2004 16:16:45 -0500
MIME-Version: 1.0

Subject: Re: Drake R-4B Shipping Weight?
Message-ID: <40A793ED.31773.3D8D8873@localhost>
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Well, the receiver weighs 16 lbs. Add a double box and some
packing, and you're probably at 20-22 lbs., depending on the
packing material. Maybe more if one or both of the boxes are
double wall material.

Grant/NQ5T

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4B?
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Grant Youngman /NQ5T
http://www.globeking.com
nq5t@comcast.net < == NEW

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MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
     charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable
Date: Sun, 16 May 2004 21:48:13 -0400
Message-ID: <67DCA285A2D7754280D3B8E88EB5480265250F@MSGBOSCLB2WIN.DMN1.FMR.COM>
From: "Kavanagh, George" <George.Kavanagh@FMR.COM>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>

All:
I just today aquired a Grunow Model 1541 console "Teledial with AFC" =
AM/Shortwave receiver (ca. 1936); Manufactured by the General Household =
Utilities Co, Chicago, Il.

I believe that it qualifies as a "boatanchor" in our context in that it =
is a double conversion superhet with a compliment of 15 6-volt tubes, a =
large power transformer, assorted power chokes and audio matching =
transformers, and covers ~ 550Kc - ~18Mc. Its got a 3 speaker =
"HiFidelity" sound system with separate output amps and speakers for =
intermediate and high audio frequencies. Labels inside the case state =
"licensed only for amateur and comercial radio reception, etc, etc, =

under the following patents of the radio corp of america...".

The (quite hansome) late deco wooden case stands ~4 feet high, and is in = not too rough shape

I've not powered it up, but have found the Rider schematic and alignment = pages (nostalgia air) and am studying them.

My question: can anyone fill me in on the history/reputation of this = radio, and of Wm. O. Grunow (whose signature is on a label), and of the = General Household Utilities Co.?

Thanks!
George Kavanagh; KB1HFT

From: "WF2U" <wf2u@starband.net>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: RE: Dayton Hamvention Report
Date: Sun, 16 May 2004 22:51:49 -0400
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Same general observations here.

Brought a British Wireless Set No. 62 to check into the Saturday noon military net on 3885, but we chickened out... we left at 11:45 - I didn't want to operate the Wireless Set 62 in the rain...

Hope for better weather next year!

Personally I had a good time meeting old friends and acquaintances, and sold everything I brought with me pretty quickly as I was not selling to get rich, but only to recoup my expenses on the equipment I wanted to "recycle"...

Fortified with the "recycling" money, I had a good hunt and I went home with a Russian military R-130 HF transceiver (40 W output AM, CW and SSB) complete with the antenna tuner and power supply.
My other find in the Russian department was an original, typewritten proof copy of the English translation of the R-250M receiver manual (I own an R-250M, a real boatanchor weighing in at 200 lbs...), with photo illustrations pasted in, all in two volumes, both bound in heavy book-style binders with the Soviet state emblem embossed in gold. It'll come handy as both my East-German and Russian manuals don't have the parts list and

values - this has it.
Other things that followed me home: a BC-348Q with flaking paint (have wrinkle black paint, will refinish..), but pristine and MFP'd inside, with the dynamotor and no mods, for $40, and a BC-342 with the shock mount, no modifications, recently recapped, very nice cosmetically, with great original finish for $75.

Except for a few hours in rain, the drive home to northwestern SC was uneventful...

73, Meir WF2U
Gowensville, SC

-----Original Message-----
From: owner-boatanchors@theporch.com
[mailto:owner-boatanchors@theporch.com] On Behalf Of James C. Garland
Sent: Sunday, May 16, 2004 10:14 AM
To: Old Tube Radios
Subject: Dayton Hamvention Report

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73,
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Message-Id: <200405171815.i4HIF1C8002275@osr506.nanniandjack.com>
From: listown@nanniandjack.com (Mail List Owner)
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: ADMINISTRIVIA: Changing Email Addresses
Date: Mon, 17 May 2004 11:15:00 -0700 (PDT)

Gang-

This periodic post is intended to help subscribers whose email address has changed, preventing posting or receipt of the list.

If you change ISP (InterNet Service Provider), simply send me an email advising the change, and I will do my best to implement the change quickly.

For those unfortunates, whose ISP has made a change without advising their customers of the potential impact of that change on subscribers to email lists like the boatanchors, where one must be a subscriber to post to the list, try to follow along...

Under some circumstances, the changes to your email address are "transparent" to you, but prevent posting. I get error notification for these kinds of problems, and I try to work them out. However, I may miss one, and on this end, the process is anything BUT automatic.

You have a bigger stick than I do. You and your ISP have the primary responsibility to repair the problems caused by the change at the ISP. I have zero leverage with your ISP, and you have great leverage.

Most ISP maintain a customer service department to help with problems like these. This should be your first line of support for email problems. I am happy to assist and consult, but try to understand that when your ISP makes a change to their email handler, and that change prevents you from posting to the boatanchors list, I can help, but resolving this problem is your responsibility, working with your ISP. I am but a volunteer, contributing my time to administer the list.

Thank you for your attention.

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73
Jack, W4KH/Mobile - - - BoatAnchor Mailing List Archiver/Owner - - -
listown@nanniandjack.com - "Plus ca change, plus c'est la meme chose"
     "Il n'y a que les idiots qui ne changent jamais d'idee"
Mon May 17 11:15:00 PDT 2004

Message-ID: <40A979A5.8070003@erols.com>
Date: Mon, 17 May 2004 22:49:09 -0400
From: Mike Steussy - AE4R <ae4r@erols.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Info needed on Sunair GSB-900
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii; format=flowed
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Ahoy... I have a friend, Mike Davis, KF4PPF, who has an unusual boatanchor, a Sunair GSB-900 HF general coverage transceiver. He brought it to our radio club meeting last week. It's a synthesized rig of military or commercial appearance and covers from maybe 1.6 to 29.999 MHz. We looked inside, but the sections are enclosed modules and though it looked like there might be a small transmitting tube in one of them, I couldn't tell for sure. I learned little more about it on the web, other than it was / is used by the Coast Guard for long haul ship and shore communications. Vintage is unknown, but construction techniques reminded me of the R-390A.

Mike is totally lacking any documentation on this radio. He inquired to the manufacturer who was willing to sell him the manual (set?) for $100. Before he spends that kind of money, he'd like to learn more about it. If any member can help Mike, please contact him directly at his e-mail address: kf4ppf@aol.com. Since Mike is a technician ardently practicing for his general license exam, he can't actually fire up the Sunair on the air. Next month, I'll go over to his QTH and we'll see if it works. With the help of kind members on this list, I'm sure we'll it going.

Thanks and 73,
Mike Steussy AE4R
Vienna VA

Message-ID: <000d01c43c89$bfee0610$01e47443@KB6NAX>
From: "Arden Allen" <gumbear@pacbell.net>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Walt Disney's audio oscillator
Date: Mon, 17 May 2004 20:39:34 -0700
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Hewlett Packard's second model of audio oscillator, the 200B, was a modification of the 200A for Walt Disney. I don't know if the one that wondered onto my bench was every owned by Mickey Mouse's godfather. It restored nicely having ejected about two pounds of wax from it and now I need some specifications to recalibibrate it to. If anyone has a very early HP catalog (1940ish) I would like to know the output voltage and impedance the instrument was claimed to be capable of. I'm creating my own little Fantasia just for fun.

Arden Allen
KB6NAX

Message-ID: <013401c43c8d$9ea22be0$78e83d40@q4p9b0>
From: "Orrin Bentz" <minmar@2z.net>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: RE: Classic Tube Rcvrs.
Date: Mon, 17 May 2004 23:07:19 -0500

Hello

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Want to get a (1) SP600 JX-10 thru JX-31 w/Xtal. cntrl.
    "   "   "   " SX28-A

I could not have covered all of them. What are some opinions out there?

Thank You

Orrin Bentz   minmar@2z.net

From: W7QHO@aol.com

Message-ID: <19e.245b20f3.2ddaedac@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 18 May 2004 00:40:12 EDT
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In a message dated 5/17/04 9:20:28 PM, minmar@2z.net writes:

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One would have to add the SX-28(A) and the AR-88 to any such list. I would also have to vote for the BC-348 in its various models. Performance not equal to the two aforementioned sets but a true classic that gave great service to a great many hams for a great price. And, many examples still going strong.

Dennis D. W7QHO
Glendale, CA

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From: wb3fau@att.net
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>

Cc: "Orrin Bentz" <minmar@2z.net>, Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: RE: Classic Tube Rcvrs.
Date: Tue, 18 May 2004 04:44:37 +0000
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<051820040444.22720.40A994B50001FC99000058C02161243646FF8A9E99CC9D@att.net>

Orrin, add these to your list- Racal 6790, Ten-Tecs newest model,
Drake R8B- Watkins-Johnson model? - British 390a? and others. Russ.

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From: "Grant Youngman" <nq5t@comcast.net>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
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In no particular order ..

R-390

HRO-60 (or 50 or 50T1) .. the 50's are better AM radios
SX-115
SP-600 most any .. best SWBC bandscanner ever
SX-28/A
R-388/51J-3 .. I'm not crazy about the mechanical filters in the J-4
Drake 1-A .. a landmark radio.

I had an HRO-60 and R-388 .. sold them both, still regret it. And a PRO-310 and HRO-500 that I may or may not like when they're all back together and the restoration is complete.

Others:

RA-17 .. a tough restoration. Very good radio with very lousy audio.
SX-101A -- the sheer beauty of the thing, but hard on the back.
R-390A .. but I like the 390 better
75A4 .. well, everybody's got one or two. Over-rated.

Radios I've thought about:

NC-240D, SX-42, anything by Squires-Sanders, a really early HRO, and an HBR-xx if I could find a good one for sale.

I suspect we all tend to like what we have, and what we grew up drooling over. Wouldn't easily part with my SX-100 Mark 1A, Drake 2-B or Ocean Hopper, but those are purely sentimental issues :-)

Grant/NQ5T
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wb3fau@att.net wrote:
>
> Orrin, add these to your list- Racal 6790, Ten-Tecs newest model,
> Drake R8B- Watkins-Johnson model? - British 390a? and others. Russ.
>

No tubes in any of these. Exception is the "British 390a" if this is

used as a synonym for the Racal RA-17 and even the RA-17 has not a
single tube only "valves".

My addition to the list of classic tube receivers:
Collins 75A-4
Collins 75S-3B or 75S-3C
Drake 1A
Hallicrafters SX-115
Rohde & Schwarz EK-07

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Heinz DH2FA, KM5VT

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One of the Drake R-4 (a,b,c, your call) sounds like a candidate.

/scott

>Hello
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>If one were to put together a list of the top 7 or 8 best classic
>Boatanchor receivers what would they be? I would like some help on this
>to assemble a collection.
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>Current holdings:
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>(2) '67' EAC R390-A's
>Complete set of Collins S-Line (75S-3B, 32S-3, station control, speaker)
>National HRO-500 (not a 'BA' but a classic)
>Heath SB310 (I bought this because 35 yrs. ago I missed out on buying
>the   last one Heath ever produced)
>
>Want to get a (1) SP600 JX-10 thru JX-31 w/Xtal. cntrl.
>   "   "   "   " SX28-A
>
>I could not have covered all of them. What are some opinions out there?
>
>Thank You
>
>Orrin Bentz   minmar@2z.net

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When I arrived at Dayton Thursday, the day before opening and the traditional set up day, I overheard the outside vendor manager say he had 800 spaces left. That would be 800 unsold, not counting any who decided to skip it for the threatening weather on Friday or the threat made good on Saturday. Two spaces behind me, and five across, stayed empty. I was even able to freeboot into the VIP parking Sunday.

I've been going to Dayton for ten years, but I've never seen it so sparse. I was able to walk around on the floor of the arena itself, and get coffee after a three minute wait. While I was sipping, an overhead voice announced the Hamvention would be at HARA Arena again next year and gave the dates. But two guys from Indiana, not Texas like me, said they would skip it. The ante is up to $25 not counting parking.

Anything selling? I don't know. The $300 National HFS was there when last I looked and a Gonset G-76 seems not to have sold. I wasn't buying. I go for the social aspect, but a lot of the talk was not even civil, much less social.

So call me Cassandra or, better yet: Ishmael. I think I know a beached whale when I see it.

Michael, MNHopkins@JUNO.com, ab5L
(15 hours from the The Ohio River to Big D now that KC5FDL can drive too)

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